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Jan Hus: The Pre-Reformation Root of Moravianism and Independent Catholicism

While the 16th-century Protestant Reformation is often credited with reshaping Western Christianity, the theological foundations were laid a century earlier in Bohemia by Jan Hus (c. 1369–1415). Condemned as a heretic at the Council of Constance, Hus's martyrdom ignited a movement that directly birthed the *Unitas Fratrum* (the Moravian Church). Concurrently, Hus's emphasis on national ecclesial autonomy, vernacular liturgy, and a return to the primitive Church anticipated the structural and theological developments of the modern Independent Catholic movement. The poster explores Hus as the dual catalyst for both the oldest Protestant denomination and the contemporary independent sacramental tradition

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